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REF: (A) KUALA LUMPUR 5160 (B) MANILA 12344

- 1. EMBASSY BANGKOK AGREES WITH POSITION OF EMBASSY MANILA (REF B) THAT FORTHCOMING U.S. ASEAN CONSULTATIONS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC MATTERS AND NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE NARCOTICS AND REFUGEE ISSUES.
- 2. REGARDING REFUGEE ISSUE, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIALS, WHO HEADS THE DISPLACED PERSONS CENTER, ON AUG 9 TOLD EMBOFF THAT THAI ARE PLANNING TO SEND A DELEGATION TO ASEAN CAPITOLS TO DISCUSS REFUGEES WOMETIME TOWARDS THE END OF AUGUST. MOI OFFICIAL SAID THAI HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY PRESIDENT MARCOS' APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST THAI ON REFUGEE MATTERS WHICH MARCOS REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED DURING ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING. THAI, THERFORE, WANT TO FOLLOW-UP WITH PHIPIPPINES AND OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. COMMENT: SINCE THAI HAVE TENDED FREQUENTLY TO LOOK TO USG TO SOLVE INDOCHINA REFUGEE PROBLEMS, WE FEEL THAT INITIATIVE RTG IS TAKING AMONG FELLOW ASEAN MEMBERS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RUN ITS COURSE.

DISCUSSIONS AT SEPTEMBER U.S. - ASEAN CONSULTATIONS COULD REINFORCE ATTITUDE AMONG ASEAN

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